



H.Con.Res. 172 - Honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res. 172 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Henry Brown (R-SC) on June 21, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 172 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 27, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 172 resolves, with the House of Representatives and Senate concurring, that Congress honors the lives of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007.

Background

On June 18, 2007, nine firefighters of the Charleston, South Carolina, Fire Department died in a furniture store fire when they went into the burning building in search of two employees that were reported to be inside. The firemen who perished had over 120 years of combined service in the fire department, and their deaths constitute the single largest loss of firefighters since September 11, 2001.

The nine firefighters who died in the fire were: Captain William `Billy' Hutchinson, Captain Mike Benke, Captain Louis Mulkey, Engineer Mark Kelsey, Engineer Bradford `Brad' Baity, Assistant Engineer Michael French, Firefighter James `Earl' Drayton, Firefighter Brandon Thompson, and Firefighter Melvin Champaign.

Cost

CBO has not scored this legislation.

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